

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended.
No new matter is added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 4-13 are allowed.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Specifically, the Office Action indicates that a clearer distinction between "increase" and "increment" in claim 1 is needed.

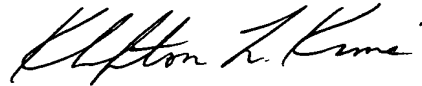
Without narrowing the claims, Applicants are amending claim 1 to delete the modifier "further" and to add the phrase "beyond the braking force increase." Applicants respectfully submit that such clarification only replaces the term "further" with its intended meaning, and is consistent with the correction suggested by the Office Action.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Because claims 1-3 are not otherwise rejected, claims 1-3 should be allowed. As such, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-3, in addition to claims 4-13 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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